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INTELLIGENCE MEMORANDUM

The India-Pakistan Situation (Report #77 - As of 11:00 A.M. EDT)

- 1. Shastri has told his parliament that India has told U Thant that it will not permit any "peace-keeping force" on its territory. The new UN mission Thant is assembling will have to act as "observers"—the role assigned to the UN group that has been stationed in Kashmir since 1949—rather than assume a broader "peace-keeping" role. Thant's views on this question are not known.
- 2. Shastri also told parliament that India would support any UN condemnation of China's role in Tibet, adding that in his view the 1954 Indian-Chinese agreement on Tibet had now lapsed. However, India would continue to support Communist Chinese admission to the UN. Shastri said.
- 3. Indian Foreign Minister Swaran Singh will leave for Moscow tomorrow, persumably to discuss ramifications of the Kashmir problem with Soviet officials.
- 4. Ambassador Bowles suggests that as long as Pakistan-supported infiltrators are operating in Kashmir the Indians are likely to take a stiff attitude toward the Pakistanis elsewhere along the cease-fire line. He adds that direct communications between Delhi, Rawalpindi, and Lahore would greatly facilitate the work of the UN mission once it is established.
- 5. The Indian Defense Ministry this morning accused the Communist Chinese of kidnapping three Indian policemen at Dong Chui Pass in the Sikkim border area. The report adds, however, that in general the Chinese forces have pulled back from the border area.

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